

STATE OF IDAHO

PATIENT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT



IDACARE PROFILE DATABASE CONSUMER GUIDE

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I. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

In recognition of the importance of health care to all Idahoans, it is the intent of the legislature to provide patients with easily accessible profile information on specified licensed or registered health care professionals. By creating a database of individual profiles that the public may access, patients will be able to make more informed decisions about whom they wish to engage when in need of health care services. That database is called IDACARE.

II. WHAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE?

The IDACARE database profiles include educational background and work history, disclosure of any final board disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, malpractice history, and other pertinent information as required by Idaho law.

III. WHERE ARE THE PROFILES AVAILABLE?

Individual provider profiles are available in written form during regular business hours at the office(s) of the provider and from the respective board office. The profiles are also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at IDACARE's toll free number, 1-888-622-3855, or online at www.idacare.org. The IDACARE profiles are considered public information.

IV. WHAT DOES IT COST?

IDACARE provider profiles are provided at no cost to the requestor.

V. WHO MUST REGISTER?

Only certain health care providers are required to register with IDACARE. The following licensed and registered professional health care providers are subject to this law: physicians and surgeons and osteopathic physicians and surgeons, physical therapists, dentists, podiatrists, chiropractors, optometric physicians, psychologists, physicians' assistants, and advanced practice professional nurses.

VI. ARE THE PROFILES ACCURATE?

Each profile submitted by a provider must include a statement, signed under oath, attesting to the correctness and completeness of the information contained in the profile.

It should be noted, however, the regulatory boards shall not be held liable for the correctness or completeness of the information contained in the provider profiles. A disclaimer statement on all released profiles, attests to the self-reporting nature of the program, and that the information has not been verified by the regulatory boards.

VII. FINALLY

If, after reading this brochure, you have further questions or wish more information, you may contact any of the following:

Board of Chiropractic Physicians 1109 Main Street, Suite 220 Boise, Idaho 83702-5642 (208) 334-3233; fax (208) 334-3945 Web: www2.state.id.us/ibol/chi.htm

Board of Dentistry 708 1/2 W. Franklin St.. P.O. Box 83720 Boise 83720-0021 (208) 334-2369; fax (208) 334-3247 Web: www2.state.id.us/isbd/

Board of Medicine 1755 Westgate Dr., Suite 140 PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0058 (208) 327-7000; fax (208) 327-7005

Board of Nursing 280 N. 8th St., Suite 210 P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0061 (208) 334-3110; fax (208) 334-3262 Web: www.state.id.us/ibn/ibnhome.htm

Board of Optometry 1109 Main Street, Suite 220 Boise, Idaho 83702-5642 (208) 334-3233; fax (208) 334-3945 Web: www2.state.id.us/ibol/opt.htm

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